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this sinister pointing of suspicion and distrust that is already greatly chargeable with keeping the nations asunder and at swords' points. There is surely no need to intensify the bad principle. The State paper referred to does bear all the marks of sincerity, and if generally accepted as meaning just what it says, the happier will be the outcome. . . .

What good, one may then ask, this fine poem of Kipling's, which so conspicuously suggests cunning and lack of sincerity? Mocking at the emperor's peace plea, the poet, as though speaking of the bear, cries :

When he stands up as pleading, in monstrous man-brute guise,
When he veils the hate and cunning of the little swinish eyes,
When he shows as seeking quarter, with paws like hands in prayer,
That is the time of peril—the time of the truce of the bear.

As to the genesis of this poem, one needs but to recall the fact of Kipling's life in India; that he was conversant with matters civil and military in that vice-royalty, and knew all about the constant apprehension of Russia's advance to the Indies; that his 'Jungle Books' delight in vividly picturing the wily mongoose, the resourceful Bengal tiger, the cunning and deadly cobra, so that in bringing forward a brute of a bear, and a very deceiving one at that, to typify the Russian emperor, he was but developing his bent for uncanny natural history description. As the poet has doubtless his readers among the royal family of Russia, let us hope that his gross and realistic portrayal of the chief of the house may be magnanimously forgiven by the latter, and be not unpleasantly remembered, in the near future, against him and his nation."

University of
Michigan Wins.

On the evening of January 13, the University of Michigan and Northwestern University engaged in a debate on the question: "Resolved, that the United States should build and maintain a much larger navy than at present." Northwestern had the choice of sides and took the affirmative. But Michigan won the debate, by the unanimous decision of the judges voting separately. This is as it should have been, as the Ann Harbor men, besides being we suppose the more capable debaters, had the right side of the question. The Michigan debaters were Mr. George Kingsley of Paola, Kansas, a post-graduate in the Michigan University Law Department, Mr. Sigismund Sanger of Toledo, O., a Senior in the Law Department, and Mr. Charles Simons of Detroit, a post-graduate of the Literary Department of the University. The contestants from Northwestern University were Mr. Edwin R. Perry of Granton, Ontario, a Junior in the College of Liberal Arts, Mr. Charles Lederer of Chicago, a graduate of Chicago University and now a Senior at Northwestern, and Mr. Andrew Cooke, also a Senior in the College of Liberal Arts. The judges of the debate were Hon. O. A.

Howland of Toronto, Ontario, Judge J. A. Barber of Toledo, O., and Judge Robert S. Parker of Bowling Green, O. President Angell of the University of Michigan was present, and after the debate gave a banquet to the judges, the debaters and a few of their friends. The Michigan debaters were ably trained by Professor Thomas Clarkson Trueblood, the head of the Department of Elocution and Oratory in the University and President of the National Oratorical Association.

Brevities.

The Swedish Peace and Arbitration Association and the Swedish Women's Peace Society have circulated more than fifty thousand copies of an appeal to the Swedish Nation asking for support of the Czar's manifesto.

. . . Similar appeals have been made in Norway, Denmark and Holland, where the most lively interest has been taken in promoting the success of the Czar's Conference.

. . . Madame Griess-Traut, who died recently at Paris at the age of eighty-five, was a member of the Board of Directors of the French Arbitration Society. She was one of the most devoted and earnest of the European friends of peace, known everywhere on the Continent for her intelligence and zeal in behalf of the cause.

. . . Within the last seven years England, with her colonies in all quarters of the world, has lost five per cent. of her export trade, while the United States, without colonies, has gained eighteen per cent. in her export trade.

. . . Since New Year's day the United States government officials have been in control in Havana, and order is said to be coming out of chaos.

. . . The New Viceroy of India, Lord Curzon, arrived in Calcutta on the 3rd of January, and was warmly greeted by the populace.

. . . The death of Senator Morrill and of Congressman Dingley has taken away two of the ablest and purest men who have been in the public service in Washington in recent years.

. . . The late Professor Thorold Rogers of England said that there were three types of men whom he could not abide, a "pious banker," "a lawyer with a theological twist" and a "Christian hero" like General Gordon.

. . . Great meetings, and many smaller ones, continue to be held in England in support of the Czar's proposals.

. . . Dr. Moses D. Hoge, one of the ablest and most brilliant of Presbyterian ministers, who died recently at his home at Richmond, Va., was a strong friend of the cause of peace. He was one of the most faithful supporters of the late Dr. Campbell in the organization of what has since grown into the Arbitration Alliance of the Churches, whose great petition in favor of arbitration has now been presented to all the principal governments.

. . . The second party of two thousand Doukhobors has arrived at Halifax, under the charge of Serge Tolstoy, son

of Count Tolstoy. Because of a case of smallpox on board, they will remain in quarantine until danger of the spread of the disease is over.

. . . *The North American Review* for January contains two strong articles against imperialism and the annexation of the Philippines, one by Andrew Carnegie, the other by Senator G. G. Vest.

. . . The Supreme Court of the United States, Dred Scott *vs.* Sanford (19th U. S. Reports), decided unanimously that "there is certainly no power given by the Constitution to the Federal Government to establish or maintain colonies bordering on the United States or at a distance, to be ruled and governed at its own pleasure, or to enlarge its territorial limits in any way, except by the admission of new states."

. . . On the 14th of January the French Arbitration Society established an important branch of its work at Havre. An address was made on the occasion by Professor Charles Richet of the Medical Faculty of the Sorbonne.

. . . The American Bible Society is preparing to send experienced agents to Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippine islands to arrange for the wider distribution of the Scriptures in these lands.

. . . One of the very best speeches made during the past month against the annexation of the Philippines was that of Senator George C. Perkins of California before the Boston Merchants' Association, on January third, and reported in full in the Boston papers. A speech of like ability and character was made the next evening by Carl Schurz before the University of Chicago.

. . . The United States has had twenty wars with the Indians, covering in the aggregate a period of about 25 years, and costing the nation one hundred and ten millions of dollars. Lossing estimates that for every Indian warrior killed, fifteen American soldiers have lost their lives.

. . . David Starr Jordan, President of Stanford University, has contributed his strong word against imperialism in an article, first read at the Religious Congress at Omaha in October, and afterwards published in *The New World*, under the title of "Imperial Democracy." The address has since been circulated in pamphlet form by the Women's Educational and Industrial Union of Boston.

. . . Jeremy Bentham said long ago that "whatsoever nation should get the start of the others in making the proposal to reduce and fix the amount of its armed force would crown itself with everlasting honor."

. . . The General Peace League of the Netherlands has just issued its twenty-sixth "Yearbook." It covers seventy-nine pages and shows a year of active and patient effort in the peace propaganda.

. . . "Count Tolstoy on Flogged and Floggers" is the title of a pamphlet just issued by the Russian Reformation Society, 21 Paternoster Square, London. It is a faithful but very painful account of the sufferings of the Russian peasantry under the methods of treatment followed by the Russian police officials.

To Nicholas II. 1898.

ELIZABETH STUART PHELPS.

Salute the soul that dares, though royal born,
Become knight errant of the hope forlorn;
Disdain the sneer that curls the curving lip,
Arrest a world's doubt by the sceptre tip.
As sure as crawling slug within the wood,
The lowest reading of the highest mood;
As surely as the skies the caverns crown,
The noble deed shall live the base thought down.
As certain as the dawn to stir the dark,
The arrow of the age flies to its mark.
Dividing years, and years to be shall know
Whose was the hand that held and bent the bow.
New, then, and ever well the great Law wears:
All souls high-born salute the Scul that dares.
In the *January Atlantic*.

Disarm!

BY MARIA LOUISE EVE.

Disarm! disarm! Heed ye the cry,
Ungird the sword and let it lie;
The clock of time has struck the hour
When right is might and peace is power;
These clumsy arbiters of human fate
No more 'twixt men and men should arbitrate.
Wipe off the stains and sheath the blade,
You cannot heal the wounds it made;
But let it rest and rust for aye,
Its bitter work is done to-day.
And henceforth to your hands there shall be given
Ithuriel spears, resistless, wrought in heaven.
Ye Kings and rulers, everywhere,
Beware how ye resist, beware!
Ye Princes and ye Potentates
Who rule in Empires and in States,
Beware! beware! lest you should lift an arm
Against a voice from heaven that cries, "Disarm!"

The Teacher of Brotherhood.

In Memory of Joseph Cartland.*

BY W. H.

Thou teacher taught of God,
Saying, like one of old, to great and small,
"Know thou the Lord, write on thy heart his law,
For He thy days shall bless, and keep them all";
Thou teacher rare and true,
Thy influence as sweet as this June breeze,
Unfolding oft to eager, glowing hearts
The blessed lore of Christly centuries;
Thou teacher mild yet firm,
Bestowing in thy rich and gracious way,
Not from rare book nor ancient, musty tome,
But from the heart, light on the hidden way;

* Joseph Cartland, in whose memory these lines were written, died at an advanced age at his home in Newburyport, Mass., in June, 1898. He was for many years a teacher. He was one of the very best types of New England manhood, Godly, pure, intelligent, and active in every good work for humanity. He was for many years a member of the American Peace Society, and the cause of human brotherhood had no warmer or more active friend.